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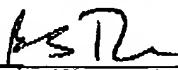
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004 for three(3) month(s) from June 26, 2004 to September 26, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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